



TESTIMONY FOR SB0456
Healthy Working Families Act - Railroad Employees - Unpaid Leave

Bill Sponsor: Senator Lam

Committee: Finance

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0456 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

Is there really any good reason, other than making more profit, that a business would not offer their employees sick leave? Our members have a very firm belief that if a business can't pay a working wage or give their employees time of when they are sick, they are not businesses that Maryland should have. They actually depress our economy and our residents in order to make a profit for the few who own the company. This is unacceptable.

Give employees sick leave. It will not force a railroad to go out of business, but it will ensure that hard-working Marylanders are treated fairly.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.